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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R.

§1.56, Applicant submits herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in  
accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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Foulkes	5,868,986	February 9, 1999
Nakasuji et al.	5,896,985	April 27, 1999
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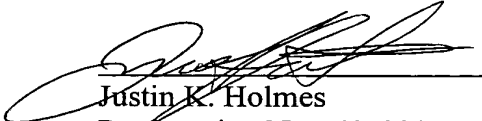
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Copies of the documents listed above have been previously submitted during the prosecution of parent Application Serial No. 09/505,513. Therefore, copies are not enclosed herein. A separate listing of these publications is also provided on form PT0-1449, which is also enclosed herewith.

Accordingly, in view of the present submission, it is now believed that the present application is in all respects complete and in condition for examination on the merits.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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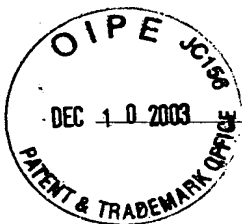
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